

EASY PRINT – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 17, 2025

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #415 – “ALL THINGS BRIGHT”

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Each radiant flower that opens, each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their lively wings. *Refrain:*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden, God made them every one. *Refrain:*

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator, who has made all things well. *Refrain:*

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets
are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts
the Spirit of your Son. Give us the grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of
God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Please be seated

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 5.1-7

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm #80.1-2,8-19

Please remain seated

The Psalm will be read responsively. The leader will read the first line of each stanza and the congregation will respond with the words in bold.

Leader: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock, shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

All: **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Leader: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

All: **You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.**

Leader: The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

All: **You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.**

Leader: Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

All: **The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

Leader: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

All: **They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**

Leader: Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

All: **And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.**

Leader: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen**

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Please be seated

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: (Tune #205) – “WE LOOK TO YOU, O JESUS”

We look to you, O Jesus in faith, our Pioneer
For you have gone before us and brought your people here.
You showed us all God's kingdom, you gave us work to do;
In death you went before us; for life, we turn to you.

Through times of strife and anguish, through times of joy and grace,
Through conflicts with our culture, you've brought us to this place;
And still your world is changing, and still we seek to be
A church reformed, reforming in faithful ministry.

The Gospel

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in law.” He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Luke 12.49-56

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.

Perfecter of the faith, O Lord, we look to you each day;
We work for peace and justice, we worship, learn and pray —
And witnesses surround us, a host of saints above,
As we continue sharing the joy of your great love.

Sermon

Please be seated

The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

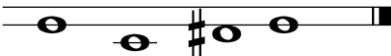
Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Let us pray with confidence to the Lord singing...

All: 
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise... Let us pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. Let us pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. Let us pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide. Let us pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind,... Let us pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. Let us pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all whom have died,... and your comfort to those who mourn. Let us pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God,

All: **you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Leader: Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Deacon: May God show us mercy and give us each the grace to grow in holiness.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members.

We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

We welcome back the children from Sunday school during the offertory hymn.

Offertory Hymn: #522 – “ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME”

All sing

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, save me from its guilt and power.

Not the labour of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Saviour, or I die.

✠ Holy Communion

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All sing

3
 6
 9
 12
 14

As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in Hea-ven,
 hal-lowed be your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done,
 on earth as in Hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins.
 as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial.
 and de-li-ver us from e-vil
 for the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-e-ver
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Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Deacon: If you are joining us from home, join us in this act of Eucharist by offering with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Lord Jesus, you are the Word that became flesh, to dwell among us, and you are the Bread of Life sent down from heaven; as I cannot now take the Bread, let your Word dwell in my heart, that you may abide in me and I in you.

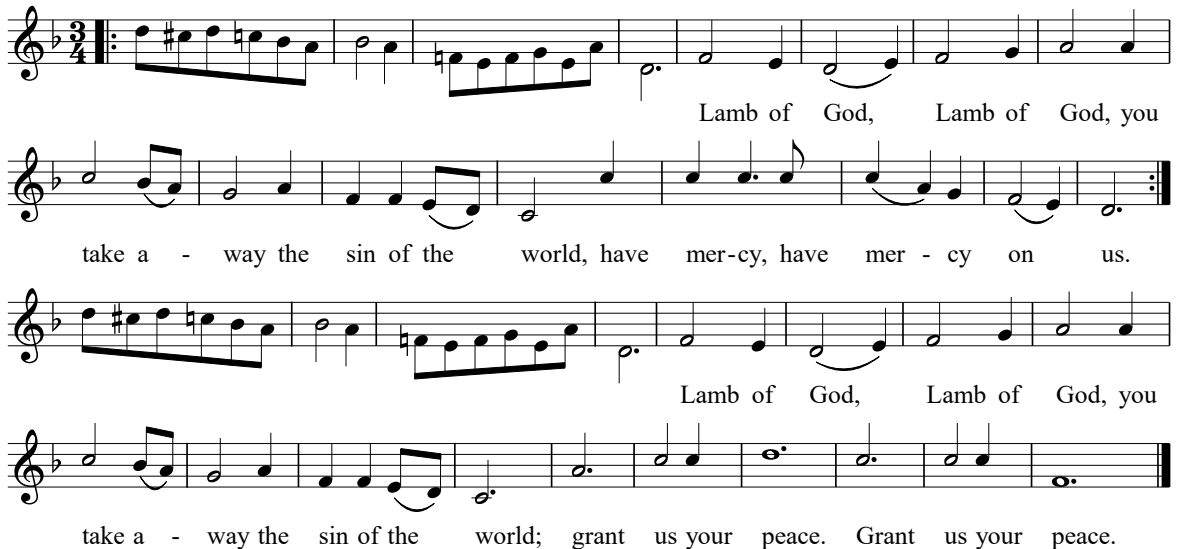
All: **Amen.**

Deacon: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All sing



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

The Communion

Those who have been baptized in any Christian church, including children, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not been baptized yet or do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to alert the priest you wish to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn: #507 – “BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS”

All sing

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Jesus' love;
the fellowship of Christian minds is like to that above.

Before God's gracious throne we pour our ardent prayers:
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When for a while we part, this thought will soothe our pain;
that we shall still be joined in heart and one day meet again.

One glorious hope revives our courage by the way,
while each in expectation lives and longs to see the day

when from all toil and pain and sin we shall be free,
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Communion Hymn: #458 – “SEEK YE FIRST” (IF NEEDED)

All Sing

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have
been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised
kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God

All: **whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Closing Hymn: (Tune #393) #394 – “ETERNAL, UNCHANGING”

Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise;
your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;
your servants proclaim the renown of your name.
You rule in omnipotence, ever the same.

Again we rejoice in the world you have made,
your mighty creation in beauty arrayed;
we thank you for life and we praise you for joy,
for love and for hope that no power can destroy.

We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,
the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,
his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,
the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go in peace, rejoicing in the Spirit!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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